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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

In response to applicant's argument (Page 3, 1st ¶, lines 1-2) stating it is unclear which of the media server of the clients are relied upon as the media playing systems in the rejection, the examiner points out that PVR Media Server_{1-n} are relied upon for "networking two distinct media-playing system".

Puttermann discloses in figure 1, **networking two distinct media-playing systems** (i.e., PVR - Media Server₁ which receives video signals from satellite and PVR - Media Server₂ which receives signals from cable; ¶ 0024) **each media-playing system including video resources** (i.e., PVR – Media Servers include storage 230 and receive video signals from satellite or cable providers; see figures 1-2; ¶ 0022-0025), **including a tuner** (i.e., tuners_{1-n}; see figure 2; ¶ 0024), **that may be accessed and used by the other media-playing systems** (i.e., if all tuners on PVR - Media Server₁ are busy, PVR - Media Server₁ may query PVR - Media Servers_{2-n} to see if any tuners are free, thus accessing other media-playing systems; ¶ 0005-0006 and 0044).

In response to applicant's argument (Page 3, 4th ¶, lines 1-3) stating it is unclear as to what controller the examiner is referring to, the examiner points out the fact that since PVR - Media Servers contain tuners and storage, a controller although not shown in any figure or explicitly referenced, a controller is used by each PVR - Media Server to control storage of video and control which frequency each tuner tunes to. Any type of server must contain a controller in order to control operations within the server.

Furthermore, Puttermann discloses the system forwards a client's request to a designated PVR – Media Server and PVR – Media Server is responsible for controlling one of the plurality of tuners to tune to the requested channel for the client (¶ 0005 and 0023-0024).